How God Set Out to Create Beings in His Image

To accomplish this extraordinary plan of making beings in His image and to bring them to the perfection required by the status of His sons, God made the heavens and the earth, and man received a body from the dust of the earth. (For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else. Isaiah 45:18)

God did not choose the heavenly Kingdom as a dwelling place for man, as was the case with the angels, but made the earth with all that is on it, this being the place that meets all the conditions to bring man to the perfection required by Him. It is a place that is not free from dangers, as the devil and his angels were cast to the earth.

There are a few questions we can ask ourselves, which have answers hidden from the inattentive eye: Why, when God created man, did He not place him directly in His presence, as the angels were placed? Why did He place him in a place where he was in danger of being influenced by the devil and his angels?

Why did God have to cast Satan to the earth and not elsewhere? Why did He allow him to tempt man? Why did man, in his state of innocence, have to be such an easy prey for Satan and end up in this lowly situation in which billions of people find themselves today?

We must observe that God’s plan was perfect, without mistakes, a plan that He is now fulfilling. (He is the Rock, his work is perfect. Deuteronomy 32:4)

Upon a closer reading of the Bible, we can easily notice that, in His perfect plan, the fall of man was foreseen. (According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world... having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:4) We can also notice that in His plan, both the restoration of man (new birth) and his perfection were foreseen.

Thus, God created the perfect framework for man, living on earth in the presence of Satan, to be passed through various trials without which he cannot reach the stature required by the Kingdom of God. (Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21)

Man, the being created as the crown of His creation, in His image and likeness, was placed to dwell in this visible world (the universe seen with our eyes) in the presence of Satan. This was not a mistake on God’s part, but this was carefully foreseen in His

eternal plan.

God created this visible universe, the earth, and all the constellations of the sky, to fulfill His purpose with people, to bring them to the stature of Lord Jesus, His Firstborn, to the perfection of our character.

It is the ideal place for man to be raised, tested, proven, and brought to the perfection required by God. It is amazing to see how perfect His plan is.

We can see that Lord Jesus was also made perfect through the things He was tempted by Satan and overcame. Lord Jesus was made perfect through the suffering that came from Satan and which He overcame through the death on the cross. (For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. Hebrews 2:10)

When we look at the life of the natural man, we observe that no man is born perfect; perfection is obtained only through tenacious work, persevering, copying the one who teaches us in all details. (see the path a pianist takes to become perfect at the piano).

The perfection of our character is obtained only through work; it is not a state we are born with or that will be offered to us after we die.

We can observe that in no field of practical life can one reach perfection just by studying, without practicing what one studies. Much less can one reach the perfection required by the status of a son of God through a mental, passive faith, which in Scripture is likened to the faith of demons. (Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? James 2:19, 20)

When the rich young man asked Lord Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life, we see that the Lord Jesus answers his question and conditions the inheritance of eternal life on the status of perfection he must reach.

Lord Jesus answered him firmly: “If thou wilt be perfect... come and follow me.” (Matthew 19:21) That is, leave the concerns of life, come and live as I live, learn from Me, follow Me in all things, and you will become perfect and thus inherit eternal life.

You cannot become perfect at the piano just by theoretical study of the scores, without copying the teacher and without giving much of your life to practical exercise. Likewise, our faith can become perfect only by practicing, through the works of faith. (Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect. James 2:22)

In spiritual matters, to perfect your character, to become perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect, you must believe it is possible, then you must work, imitating or copying the Teacher in everything He does, and give time from your life living practically in His teachings, down to the smallest detail. (think about how many hours a day a pianist works to become perfect)

But to reach the fullness of the stature of Christ, a disciple's work must be done, copying the Teacher. Only in this way can one reach the status of perfection required by the standard of the Kingdom of God.

The perfection required by God is not in music, in painting, but in long-suffering, in kindness, in gentleness, in love... and this is obtained only by following the school of Christ, imitating Him.

God's work is not completed except as it was with Lord Jesus, through victory over the trials that come upon us. (My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire. James 1:2-4)

The perfection of our character is not obtained through faith in the sacrifice of the cross but through real work and struggle in the temptations that come from Satan and are allowed by God for our growth.

For man to overcome these trials, he has God as a partner, who is faithful and will not allow a trial greater than his strength to come upon him. (God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13)

It can be easily observed that the traits of Lord Jesus, namely love, gentleness, long-suffering, kindness... can only be obtained through work, through perseverance... having Lord Jesus as a model. (Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart. Matthew 11:29)

No man, when he is born again, is born with long-suffering, with gentleness, with love. These qualities can be obtained through man's work in collaboration with God. For this, we have at our disposal the school of Christ, in which we find the Word that works with us, the Holy Spirit that urges and guides us, the Body of Christ (the Church), and our work in full obedience.

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